

textbook. It is with great pride that I congratulate the Cambridge High School Environmental Club, and the leadership of their student advisor, Ed Grunden, for their commitment to environmental research and awareness.

GENESEE COUNTY MEDICAL
SOCIETY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise before you to honor a dedicated group of men and women, the Genesee County Medical Society. On November 5, the members of this distinguished organization will gather to pay tribute to their history and the diversity of their membership at their Past Presidents Ball.

The Genesee County Medical Society was originally formed in the winter of 1841, when Drs. Robert D. Lamond, John Hoyes, John King, and George W. Fish, all natives of New York and graduates of Fairfield Medical College, met in an office in the tiny village of Flint, and drafted the constitution and bylaws for what was to be the region's first medical society. On August 17, 1871, 14 physicians gathered to organize the Flint Academy of Medicine, the precursor to today's Genesee County Medical Society. Over the years, thousands of doctors joined the society, addressing all public health issues, as well as working to improve the community and making it a safer and healthier place in which to live.

Today, the Genesee County Medical Society is home to an ever-increasing roster of health professionals, hailing from all four corners of the world. Society members, as well as their spouses and families, represent each continent and virtually every religion. The various cultures, languages, dialects, and customs exhibited by the men and women of the society, and experienced by all those they come in contact with, serve as a microcosm of our very Nation and what it stands for. Their celebration of diversity reminds us that we are "One Nation, under God."

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of the House of Representatives, I consider it my duty and my privilege to work to improve the quality of life for our citizens. I am grateful that the work performed by the members and staff of the Genesee County Medical Society helps make this task easier. Each member honors the spirit of the Society's vision: leadership, advocacy, and service on behalf of its members, and their patients. I ask my colleagues in the 109th Congress to please join me in congratulating them on their tremendous work.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST ROSA
PARKS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Rosa Parks, a powerful woman, an American heroine, and a champion for all Americans.

The transformation of a young seamstress into an immortal heroine is a rare occurrence. Rosa Parks had a number of societal barriers working against her: she was an African American in the segregated South and a woman, with no political or social standing, emerging from humble parentage. Nonetheless, she conquered obstacles, set the stage for a movement for civil rights, and is forever an example for all of us.

Rosa Parks was born and raised in Alabama by a carpenter and a teacher. Brought into a world that degraded and intimidated her with its racism, Rosa Parks, along with many others, lived in submission and fear. By the age of 42, Rosa Parks was married and an active member in the NAACP. Her frustration with the intolerance around her led to an event that set the stage for the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and became a cornerstone in the Civil Rights Movement.

On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks refused to surrender her bus seat to a white rider. This dignified pronouncement depicted to the country the injustice facing African Americans. Her single action eventually led to a Supreme Court ruling that outlaws segregation on city buses. Not only did her effort lend support to America's civil rights movement, but to civil rights movements worldwide.

The fight for equality and justice Rosa Parks sparked will never end, and we will continue to be motivated by the courage of one woman who made a profound choice in 1955. In her honor, and for the integrity of every citizen in this country, it is essential to continue in Mrs. Parks's footsteps.

The United States Congress calls Rosa Parks the "Mother of the Modern Day Civil Rights Movement." Throughout her life she was the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the NAACP's Spingarn Medal, and the Congressional Gold Medal.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Rosa Parks, whose dedication to the pursuit of justice for all Americans will never be forgotten. Though she will be greatly missed, her legacy will be a constant reminder of how far we have come in ensuring civil, social, and political rights to African Americans, and how much further remains to guarantee equality to every citizen of our country.

IN HONOR OF ZETA EPSILON
LAMBDA CHAPTER OF THE
ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Zeta Epsilon Lambda alumni chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in Red Bank, New Jersey for their fiftieth anniversary on November 5, 2005. The Zeta Epsilon Lambda chapter has been an active contributor in the community over the past 50 years.

Since 1980, the chapter has donated over \$200,000 in scholarship money to approximately 150 local high school students in Monmouth and Ocean counties. A large number of these scholarship recipients have returned to

Zeta Epsilon Lambda after receiving their degrees to assist in other community outreach programs.

Over the past 17 years, through Project Alpha, the fraternity has been educating young males on the prevention of teenage pregnancies. Thus far, they have provided meaningful guidance to over 700 elementary, middle, and high school students.

Further establishing themselves as mentors in the community, the Zeta Epsilon Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha has been in partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monmouth County since 2001. Through this partnership, the brothers of Zeta Epsilon Lambda have given valuable guidance to dozens of young boys each week from Asbury Park Middle School in Asbury Park, NJ. The chapter has also successfully assisted Big Brothers Big Sisters with obtaining a \$222,000 grant from the Justice Department to organize a Juvenile Mentoring Program, which has already achieved great success.

Once again, I would like to congratulate the brothers of the Zeta Epsilon Lambda chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity on their 50th anniversary and thank them for their continued spirit of contribution and service to the community.

COMMENDING MR. JOHN GABUSI

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. John Gabusi, former Pima Community College Vice Chancellor.

Mr. John Gabusi retired from his position as Vice Chancellor for governmental and external relations at Pima Community College in Tucson, Arizona. He dedicated 14 years of service to the college, where he tirelessly worked to create Pima Community College's first economic development office.

Mr. Gabusi has been credited with elevating the College's national prestige by developing strategies to convince the Governor and State elected officials that the citizens of Arizona are deserving of a strong community college system.

His work helped to limit district wide budget reductions and to revive the marketing and advertising of Pima Community College. His help also played a vital role in a thirty percent increase in student enrollment from 1996–2002.

John Gabusi consistently strived to improve educational opportunities for the people of Tucson. Thanks to Mr. Gabusi's ability to rally community support, Pima Community College was granted a \$140 million dollar bond. He focused on providing students with an environment conducive to learning, and believed that the community is deserving of an excellent community college system.

Even before his work at Pima Community College, John Gabusi was committed to serving his community. Mr. Gabusi served as an assistant to former U.S. Congressman Morris K. Udall. He led four of Mr. Udall's congressional campaigns as well as Mr. Udall's 1976 presidential campaign. After serving under Congressman Udall, Mr. Gabusi went on to start his own marketing firm called DAC international and later presided over the Washington, DC based Procurement Assistant Corporation.